GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:958
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LEGAL OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATES FOR PEOPLE WITH CAPTIVE ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have collected country-wide data of people having captive animals or birds or any item made from them for issuing legal ownership certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) by when legalised possession certificates are likely to be issued to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b)As per the recent amendment in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Union Government have issued a Gazette Notification No.S.O.445(E) dated 18th April, 2003 requiring any person to declare possession of captive animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy derived from animals specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II in his control, custody or possession, in respect of which no declaration has been made under sub section (1) or (4) of section 40. The declaration has to be made to the Chief Wildlife Warden or the authorized officer of the concerned State/UT Government.The Central Government does not maintain the record of such declarations.

(c) In accordance with the above mentioned notification, the certificate of legal possession shall, as far as possible, be given within six months from the date of submission of application by the applicant.